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1. MARKET SURVEY OF TUNISIAN PORTS COMPLETED AND WILL BE
FORWARDED TO USDOC VIA AIR POUCH WEEK OF AUGUST 28.
POST WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING 50 COPIES FOR OUR
SUE.

2. AS MENTIONED IN REFTEL B, TUNISIAN PORT AUTHORITIES
AND OFFICIALS AT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT ARE MORE INTERESTED
IN ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF SYSTEM THAN IN CONTAINER TERMINALS.
THEY CAN ONLY ENVISION CONTAINER TERMINAL IN CONTECT
OF A REGIONAL SYSTEM DUE TO THE HIGH COSTS INVOLVED.
THE ASSOCIATION OF PORT AUTHORITIES OF NORTHER AFRICA
("UNION DES ADMINISTRATION PORTUAIRES DE NORD DE L'AFRIQUE"
U.A.P.N.A., WHICH INCLUDES MOROCCO, ALGERIA, TUNISIA,
LIBYA, EGYPT AND SUDAN) IS CURRENTLY ENTRUSTED WITH
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THE PREPARATION OF A STUDY ON USES OF CONTAINERS ON A REGIONAL BASIS
DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEAR. U.A.P.N.A.'S HEADQUARTERS IS AT
10, AVE. DE REPUBLIQUE, TUNIS.

3. OFFICIALS IN THE TUNISIAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT WELCOME
THE IDEA OF A TRADE MISSION. THEY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH MR. ARMSTRONG THE POSSIBILITY

OF: (A) MARITIME AGREEMENT BETWEEN TUNISIA AND THE UNITED STATES; (B) TRAINING IN THE U.S. OF TUNSIAN ECONOMIST AND ENGINEERS IN MARITIME TRANSPORT; AND (C) EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS BETWEEN U.S. AND TUNISIA.

4. ECONOMIC /COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR WILL BE AWAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18. CONTROL OFFICER GALLAGHER WOULD LIKE TO VISIT PORTS OF SOUSSE, SFAX AND GABES DURING ADVANCE OFFICER STOP IN TUNIS, HOWEVER, GIVEN SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN E/C SECTION DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT ADVANCE OFFICER PLAN HIS VISIT TO START SOMETIME AFTER SEPTEMBER 19. KING

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